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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

ITO et al.

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AND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL METHOD USING NETWORK

Examiner: Leroux, Etienne Pierre

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AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2007, to which a response was due on February 9, 2008, and for which a one-month extension of time is submitted to extend the response date to March 9, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: